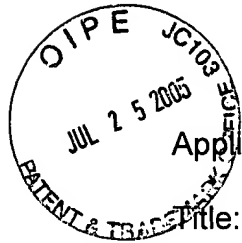


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Dear Examiner Cole:

This is in reply to a final Office Action mailed on June 1, 2005. The Advisory Period expires on August 1, 2005, and the shortened three-month statutory period for response to the Office Action expires on September 1, 2005. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed within the Advisory Period and within the three-month shortened statutory period.

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